

The May 11, 2010 meeting of the Newtown Village Council was held as a Public Hearing. The purpose of the public hearing was to discuss Fire/EMS with the Little Miami Fire District. Miami Valley Christian Academy, 6830 School Street, Newtown, Ohio hosted the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Curt Cosby, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

All Council members were present: Brian Burns, Doug Evans, Joe Harten (left at 7:20p), Mark Kobasuk, Curt Tiettmeyer and Daryl Zornes.

Mayor Cosby thanked MVCA for hosting the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Councilman Kobasuk, Public Safety Chairman. Mr. Kobasuk serves on the LMFD Fire Board, along with resident Terry Fairley.

#### Little Miami Fire District/Fire and EMS

Councilman Kobasuk told the citizens, "This is your meeting." Mr. Kobasuk said we are at a crossroads with the passing of the Fire Levy in November 2009. Taxpayers will be responsible for bonds soon; it is time to consider our options, said Mr. Kobasuk.

The Village of Newtown first contracted with LMFD in 2003. The second Fire Protection Agreement is effective from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2011. The Fire Protection Agreement with the Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District states:

*(5) The District agrees that as part of the services to be provided under this Agreement, it will maintain, at a minimum, a station house with three personnel on duty twenty four hours a day seven days a week within Newtown. The District will use all reasonable efforts under the circumstances to see that at least one of such personnel is a certified paramedic, but cannot guarantee that a certified paramedic will be on duty at all times. Until such time as agreed otherwise, the location of such station house will be the current fire station at 3535 Church Street. The parties shall maintain a separate lease agreement for such station house, the terms of which shall include, but not be limited to, that Newtown will lease the station house to the District for one dollar per year, and the District will pay all costs of operating the station house, including but not limited to utilities, repairs, maintenance, liability insurance and capital improvements.*

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1500 recommends that a minimum of four persons be available on the fire scene before structural firefighting commences.

Due to the passing of the recent Fire Levy and the subsequent increase in property taxes, the Village Council is concerned about the burden of additional taxes on residents and business owners. Therefore, January 26, 2010, Village Council contracted Kramer & Associates to review Fire/EMS options for the Village of Newtown. (Kramer Report may be viewed on the Village website at [www.villageofnewtown.com](http://www.villageofnewtown.com))

After much discussion, Newtown Village Council voted unanimously to authorize Mayor Curt Cosby and his designee to negotiate with the Little Miami Fire District modifications to the contract with the District to accept the E-Check site as the site of the new fire station in Newtown and to increase staffing to 4 firefighters with 2 certified paramedics per shift among other contract modifications.

**Councilman Kobasuk made a motion to authorize Mayor Curt Cosby and his designee to negotiate with Little Miami Fire District modifications to the contract with the District, which would include modifications to accept the E-Check site as the site of the new fire station in Newtown and to increase staffing to 4 firefighters with 2 certified paramedics per shift among other conditions. Councilman Tiettmeyer seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Harten-Absent) Motion Carried.**

#### Council Business

##### Checklist

**Councilman Tiettmeyer made a motion to approve the Checklist dated 5-11-2010, in the amount of \$31,369.87. Councilman Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Harten-Absent) Motion Carried.**

##### 4-27-2010 Council Minutes

**Councilman Zornes made a motion to approve 4-27-2010 Council Minutes, seconded by Councilman Kobasuk. All Aye. (Mr. Harten-Absent) Motion Carried.**

##### Maintenance Department

**Councilman Evans made a motion to accept State of Ohio Contract #GDC093, in the amount of \$23,999.50 to 32 Ford for Item #25A Pickup, Full Size, 2WD, Regular Cab, 10,500lbs. GVWR, 8" Bed. Councilman Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Harten-Absent) Motion Carried.**

##### Accessories for Pickup

**Councilman Evans made a motion to approve \$10,747.00 to Affordable Hose & Fittings LLC for an 8' Salt Box and a 29 Down Pressure Plow. Councilman Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Harten-Absent) Motion Carried.**

Police Department

**Councilman Kobasuk made a motion to approve the Ohio Multi-Count Uniform Traffic Ticket (MUTT) Citation Purchase, seconded by Councilman Zornes. All Aye. (Mr. Harten-Absent) Motion Carried.**

Ivy Hills Country Club Liquor License Transfer

**Councilman Kobasuk made a motion to accept the Liquor License transfer from CPHG Ivy Hills LLC to SPE Co. Holdings Inc. The Village of Newtown does not request a hearing. Councilman Burns seconded the motion. All Aye. (Mr. Harten-Absent) Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Transcribed by Becky Fairley